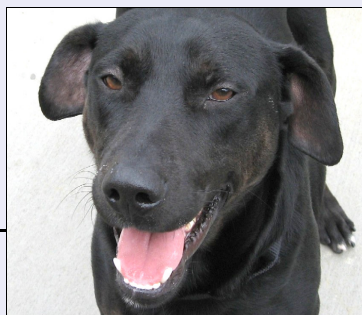


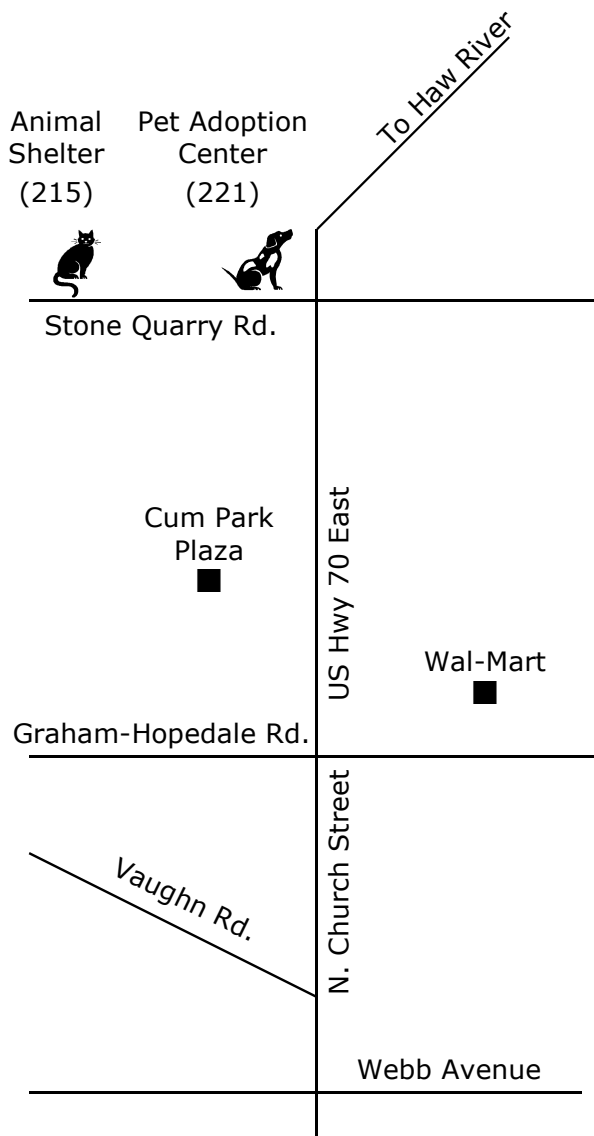
Important Pet Care Tips to Remember

Becoming a pet owner is very exciting and fun! Remember, though, your dog or cat needs you to be a responsible owner for its lifetime! Make sure you can provide the following necessities before making this important commitment.

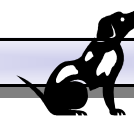
- ◇ Nutritious food
- ◇ Fresh water daily
- ◇ Vet care and vaccinations
- ◇ Proper identification
- ◇ Clean, dry shelter for outdoors
- ◇ Plenty of exercise
- ◇ Bathing and grooming
- ◇ Obedience training
- ◇ Lots of love and attention!



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Burlington Animal Services is a division of the Burlington Police Department and is responsible for the operation of the animal shelter and Pet Adoption Center. This division is responsible for conducting animal related investigations and enforcing all local and state laws regarding animal welfare. All animals come through the shelter as strays, owner surrenders, or bite and cruelty cases. The policy is to hold stray animals for three working days (not including the day it arrives, weekends or holidays) allowing owners of lost pets to reclaim them. After this time, the facility evaluates the animals for adoptability using several criteria such as health, behavior, age, etc. If approved, the animals are vaccinated and spayed or neutered by our in-house veterinarian, and transferred to the adoption facility.

Pet Adoption

The adoption facility opened in April, 2004, and we are committed to finding permanent, loving homes for all of our pets each day. Adopting



a pet is a lifetime commitment that can give you many rewards and years of happiness. The adoption fees are \$80 for dogs and \$60 for cats. This includes the spay or neuter surgery, the first round of vaccines, and a 1-year rabies vaccine and tag as required by North Carolina law.

Spaying and Neutering



Pet overpopulation problems exist in Alamance County and everywhere. Each year, thousands of animals come to the Burlington Animal Shelter that have been abandoned, found stray or have been surrendered by their owners. Unfortunately, there are not enough homes for all of these pets. The root of this problem lies in pet ownership. Many pets are allowed to roam free leading to hundreds of unwanted litters of puppies and kittens. Additional problems, such as disease, occur which creates community health problems. The **only** way to prevent unwanted litters is to have your animal spayed or neutered. Contrary to popular belief, spaying and neutering will not lead to a fat, lazy pet. It will actually provide *many* health benefits for you and your pet. They are less likely to exhibit problems with aggression, spraying or marking territory, roaming and fighting. Spayed female cats and dogs do not suffer from uterine or ovarian cancer and have a markedly reduced incidence of breast cancer. Neutered males eliminate problems from testicular and prostate cancer. Spaying and neutering benefits everyone—you, your pet and the community.

Rabies and Vaccinations



Rabies is a serious health threat for all pets in North Carolina. It is a deadly virus that attacks the nervous system. The rabies virus lives in the saliva and brain tissue of infected animals and is carried mostly by wild animals such as raccoons, bats, and foxes. It infects only mammals, therefore pets, wildlife, livestock and people are at risk.

Rabies is spread mainly through bites but can be spread in other ways such as the saliva of an infected animal coming into contact with an open wound or broken skin. Once an animal contracts the virus, there is no cure. (There are post exposure treatment shots for humans and they are quite costly.) Fortunately, there is protection for your pet with the rabies vaccine and it is required by North Carolina state law. Initial rabies shots are good for 1 year, subsequent vaccines are good for 3 years.



You can also protect your pet by keeping them confined to your property and feeding them indoors, as food left outside will attract stray and wild animals. If your pet should suffer a bite or attack from a stray or wild animal, contact your veterinarian immediately. You can protect yourself and your family by avoiding contact with any wild animal or stray. Make sure wild animals do not have access to the inside of your home via windows, doors, porches, attics, etc. , and secure your trash containers. If you are bitten, wash the wound thoroughly with warm, soapy water and call your doctor immediately. Burlington residents should report bite incidents to Burlington Animal Services at 578-1386. Residents outside city limits should call Alamance County Animal Control at 570-6302.

Regular vet care and other routine shots are also important. Dogs and cats are susceptible to several very serious diseases such as Parvovirus, Distemper and Kennel Cough that are preventable with vaccinations. It is important for your pet's health to see your veterinarian for annual checkups and anytime in between if your pet appears to be ill.

Remember, a pet is a lifetime commitment and they will depend on you for all their needs for a long and healthy life!